

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## Express Cab Company Site 1836 Meeting Street Road, North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 19, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6405-NRP will affect approximately 1.43 acres located at 1836 Meeting Street Road, North Charleston, South Carolina. The Property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 464-02-00-071. A company known as 1836 Meeting Street Road, LLC (Meeting LLC) wants to acquire the Property and construct a new sports facility behind the warehouse building to include a squash facility with associated locker rooms, showers, amenities, and parking. Meeting LLC intends to refurbish the warehouse building to lease for storage, warehousing, and retail uses.

The Property was developed in the 1960s with the current warehouse building that includes office space and parking areas. The Property has been used for truck and automobile repair, towing, and taxi/limousine services. The warehouse includes work bays, two (2) hydraulic lifts, two (2) floor drains (reportedly filled with concrete since 1986), a former paint booth, and a storage room. Chlorinated solvents have been used and stored on the Property. Piles of used tires, automotive parts, used containers, waste oil above ground storage tanks, and junk automobiles have been staged on the Property through the years. The past use of the Property may have caused environmental pollution on the Property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Meeting LLC. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Meeting LLC responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Meeting LLC will test soil and groundwater and will evaluate soil vapor as applicable on the Property. If significant contamination is found, Meeting LLC will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Meeting LLC did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the Property safe for re-use. Under State law, Meeting LLC will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the Property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/">http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/</a>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 19, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:overcajc@dhec.sc.gov">overcajc@dhec.sc.gov</a>, telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mr. Overcash at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.